# ALASKAMEASURES \* \*

# 10 Benefits of the New Assessment





# 1. Less bubbles to fill in

AMP items will require deeper thinking and fewer bubbles to fill in. The computerized AMP will use engaging features such as drag-and-drop, plotting points on a graph, and highlighting text.

## 2. More tools

Computer-based assessments allow new tools for students including highlighters, calculators, magnification, and search tools.

# 3. Advanced accessibility

Technology will allow for accessibility tools such as auditory calming, masking, and text to speech.

# 4. Text-to-speech

This accessibility tool will allow more accurate assessment in math through a computer-based read aloud tool.

#### 5. A new baseline

The new AMP assessment will more accurately measure the new Alaska Math and English language arts standards.

# 6. Adapts as you go

Starting in 2017, the assessment will adjust in difficulty based on student performance. This provides a greater score precision and a "better fit" for the student assessment experience.

# 7. Measures growth

The AMP scoring and reporting design emphasizes growth from year to year. Students are no longer labeled proficient or not; they achieve levels between 1-4.

## 8. Integrates concepts

Technology enhanced items are designed to measure related concepts and skills in a single test question. Questions are designed to reflect the way teachers teach and students learn.

## 9. Comprehensive assessment system

Technology practice tests, testlets to inform teaching and learning, and assessments to provide benchmarks, complement the AMP assessment.

# 10. Comprehensive assessment system

The assessment not only measures more rigorous standards and high order thinking skills, but also is delivered via a medium that is more reflective of technology skills required of graduates.